

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application. Claims 1-7, 9, 10, 15-21, 23-28, 30, and 31 are pending. Claims 1, 15, and 24 have been amended. No claims have been cancelled or added. Therefore, claims 1-7, 9, 10, 15-21, 23-28, 30, and 31 are now presented for examination.

The pending claims in this application were allowed in the Notice of Allowance dated February 2, 2005. The Applicant requests continued examination for the consideration of the following:

Information Disclosure Statement

The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the references cited in the information disclosure statement filed concurrently herewith.

Amendments to the Claims

Amendments have been made to claims 1, 15, and 24 to clarify the language of such amendments.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits the claims are in condition for allowance.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (503) 439-8778 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

The Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 for such an extension.


Charge our Deposit Account

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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